COURSE DETAIL

INVESTIGATING SCIENCE IN SOCIETY
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INVESTIGATING SCIENCE IN SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title SCIENCE IN SOCIETY
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
This course considers the social nature of science and scientific knowledge, as well as the relationship between science and wider society. Unit 1 (The Anatomy of Science) systematically explores important elements of scientific practice including observation, experimentation, theories, and replication, and examines their fundamentally social character. In Unit 2 (Science Contextualized), students study the place of science in relation to and as a central tool in shaping other major social phenomena. Topics here include science and politics, science and the environment, science and the law, and scientific expertise in society. The course studies science internally and externally using a variety of readings, including historical and sociological case studies from physics, biology, and chemistry. The course is intelligible to students of any disciplinary background.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
STIS08008

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Host Institution Course Details
http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/19-20/dpt/cxstis08008.htm

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Science, Technology and Innovation Studies

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